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1. This	Information Disclosure Statement i	is subm	nitted:		
a.	prosecution application within 3 months of the can International application before the mailing date	under date of tion; of a fir	§ 1.53(d); entry of the national est Office Action on the	stage as set forth in § 1.491 in the merits; or the filing of a request for	

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3.		Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:
4.	For eac	ch non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:
		reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
		reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
		reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
		reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s), and/or
		reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:
5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
6.		Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
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Respectfully submitted,

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